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# Update to Proposed Legislative Hearing Process for FY 2010 Budget

At the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of March 25, 2009, the IBA proposed an approach for undertaking the Legislative Hearing Process for the FY 2010 Budget of scheduling a majority of the hearing time to review direct service delivery areas of the budget. We further recommended that other City administrative and support departments or significant City-wide issues (e.g. reserves, contracts, One SD) are scheduled during the remaining time if:

1. Requested by a single member of the City Council;
2. Recommended by the IBA as a result of their review; or
3. A significant issue is raised by the public and requested by a Council member.

We also provided for Committee comment a template of questions and issues that all Department Directors and their Assigned Assistant/Deputy Chief Operating Officers would be asked to address during their hearing time.

The Committee endorsed this overall approach with the request that budgets for the City agencies, including the Redevelopment Agency (comprised of Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, Centre City Development Corporation and the City's Redevelopment Division), Housing Commission, San Diego Data Processing Corporation, and San Diego Employees' Retirement System, be heard during the same time period as the City departments.

The Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Commission, per the original FY 2010 budget calendar, had been scheduled for the regular RDA and Housing Authority dockets of Tuesday, May 12, 2009. We have now built them into the revised hearing schedule; and would note that the hearings for the Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Commission should be publicly noticed as reviews by RDA and Housing Authority respectively.

The Committee also noted the desire to have sufficient time to discuss overall budget strategy and vision. Several time blocks remain available during the hearing schedule for such discussions. Attached for your review and comment is a revised budget hearing schedule for FY 2010 after taking into consideration the issues reviewed above. Also attached is the template of the questions and issues that departments will be asked to address during their hearing.

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Attachments (2)

Attachment 1: Proposed FY 2010 Budget Hearing Schedule (Revision 2)

Attachment 2: FY 2010 Budget Hearing Expectations